

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. James Edwards, President Emeritus of Anderson University, for his substantial contributions to higher education, Anderson University, and the State of Indiana.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. James Edwards,
2 President Emeritus of Anderson University, for his substantial
3 contributions to higher education, Anderson University, and the
4 State of Indiana.

5 *Whereas, Dr. James Edwards has served as the*
6 *President of Anderson University since 1990 and is the longest-*
7 *serving current university president in the State of Indiana, a*
8 *testament to his steady hand, resiliency, and clear vision of the*
9 *future;*

10 *Whereas, Dr. Edwards recently announced that his*
11 *tenure as Anderson University's president will conclude by the*
12 *end of the 2014-2015 academic year;*

13 *Whereas, Dr. Edwards has overseen several*
14 *comprehensive capital campaigns, raising funds and support*
15 *for the university totaling more than \$205 million;*



1 *Whereas, Under the guidance of Dr. Edwards, Anderson*
2 *University has grown substantially through new construction*
3 *projects such as the Kardatzke Wellness Center, York*
4 *Performance Hall, York Seminary Village, additions to Decker*
5 *and Hartung Halls, the Flagship Enterprise Center, and*
6 *improvements to residence halls and many existing campus*
7 *facilities;*

8 *Whereas, Dr. Edwards has served on the Board of*
9 *Directors of the Council for Christian Colleges and*
10 *Universities, as a director and officer of the board of the*
11 *National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities,*
12 *as chair of the board for Independent Colleges of Indiana, as*
13 *a member of the Steering Committee of the Indiana Leadership*
14 *Prayer Breakfast, holds board membership on the Heartland*
15 *Collegiate Athletic Association, and has served as chair of*
16 *Indiana Campus Contact;*

17 *Whereas, As a man of God and the head of a university*
18 *affiliated with the Church of God, Dr. Edwards has never been*
19 *heavy-handed in his approach to religion, he has always*
20 *expressed the tolerance and open-mindedness characteristic of*
21 *leaders who cultivate common ground;*

22 *Whereas, Dr. Edwards is a community activist who*
23 *frequently attends local events, involves himself in non-profit*
24 *boards and seeks to make Anderson and the surrounding area*
25 *a better place;*

26 *Whereas, For 25 years, Dr. Edwards has devoted*
27 *himself to serving Anderson University and fostering*
28 *partnerships within the community;*



1 *Whereas, Dr. Edwards and his wife, Deanna, were*
2 *recognized by both the university and the City of Anderson with*
3 *the 2014 William P. Riethmiller Community Partnership*
4 *Award; and*

5 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana Senate gives*
6 *special recognition to Dr. James Edwards for his substantial*
7 *commitments to higher education, Anderson University, and the*
8 *State of Indiana: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
10 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

11 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors Dr. James
12 Edwards, President Emeritus of Anderson University, for his
13 substantial contributions to higher education, Anderson University,
14 and the State of Indiana.

15 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
16 transmit copies of this Resolution to Dr. James Edwards, President
17 Emeritus of Anderson University, and John Pistole, President of
18 Anderson University.

